

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Office Action of June 3, 2003 has been received and contents carefully reviewed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-12 and 17.

Claims 1-29 are currently pending in the present application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 13-16 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Applicants' figures 9-10; rejected claims 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' figures 9-10. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants respectfully submit that "FIG. 10 is an enlarged plan view of data links crossing a seal in a liquid crystal display device according to a first embodiment of the present invention." See the paragraphs [0036] and [0051] of the present application.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number (202) 496 - 7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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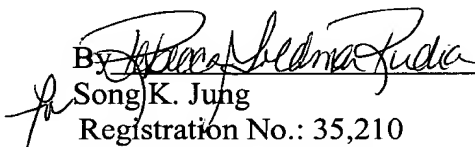
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